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TAGS: ETRD, GW

SUBJECT: FLOAT GLASS FROM GERMANY--COUNTERVAILING DUTY

INVESTIGATION; VOLKSWAGEN IMPORTS--POSSIBLE DUMPING

SITUATION:MAY 14 MEETING AT TREASURY

1. TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PETER SUCHMAN MET WITH GERMAN FIRST SECRETARY BORCHARD TO DISCUSS FLOAT GLASS COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION. SUCHMAN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT DECISION BY GERMANS (REFTEL) NOT TO PROVIDE REQUESTED TECHNICAL DATA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IN ABSENCE OF SUCH DATA, TREASURY WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO
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PROCEED WITH CASE ON BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT, AND PUBLISH A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT BOUNTIES OR GRANTS EXIST BEFORE JULY 4 STATUTORY DEADLINE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DECISION TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RESTED WITH FLOAT

GLASS COMPANIES, BUT WAS HOPEFUL THAT GERMAN GOVERNMENT (WHETHER FEDERAL OR STATE) WOULD MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO CONVINCE MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL INFORMATION. HE NOTED UNUSUAL POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF FLOAT GLASS CASE AND ITS POTENTIAL FOR HARMING EXCELLENT U.S./GERMAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. SUCHMAN STATED HE WAS AWARE OF PAST EFFORTS BY FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO ASSIST IN INQUIRY AND SAID HE ONLY WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT DEADLINE FOR REACHING A PRELIMINARY DECISION WAS DRAWING NEAR, AND THAT FEDERAL

REPUBLIC SHOULD BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS TAKEN SO FAR BY GERMAN FLOAT GLASS COMPANIES.

2. BORCHARD INDICATED THAT HE APPRECIATED THE SITUATION AS TO LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD REPORT THIS MESSAGE TO BONN.

3. SUCHMAN TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST AUTOMOBILES FROM GERMANY IN VIEW OF RECENT REPORTS IN THE PRESS AND LETTERS TO TREASURY STATING THAT GERMAN VOLKSWAGENS ARE BEING SOLD IN THE U.S. AT "LESS THAN FAIR VALUE" WITHIN MEANING OF U.S. ANTIDUMPING ACT. SUCHMAN SAID THAT SOME CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST HAD PROBABLY BEEN PROMPTED BY STATEMENTS BY VW REGARDING NECESSITY FOR SELLING VW'S IN U.S. AT LESS THAN THEIR PRICES IN GERMANY. HE INDICATED THAT A RESOLUTION HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE U.S. CONGRESS ORDERING TREASURY TO CONDUCT STUDY UNDER THE ANTIDUMPING ACT ON POSSIBLE DUMPING OF ALL FOREIGN AUTOMOBILES IN U.S. AND REPORT TO CONGRESS WITHIN 90 DAYS. RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE, WHICH PLANS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS. SUCHMAN SAID IT NOW APPEARED THAT A DOMESTIC PETITIONER, PROBABLY A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, WOULD SUBMIT A PETITION TO TREASURY THAT CONCEIVABLY COULD REQUIRE INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS ON AUTOS FROM GERMANY. SUCHMAN STRESSED THAT NO DOCUMENT IS BEFORE TREASURY AT THIS TIME, BUT SAID IT MAY BE INEVITABLE THAT A PETITION WILL BE

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SUBMITTED.

4. FYI: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER DUMPING PETITION WILL BE SUBMITTED BUT WILL INFORM EMBASSY OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. NO ACTION REQUESTED OF EMBASSY OR GERMAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME. END FYI. KISSINGER

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